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SUBJECT:VISIT TO USSR OF ARTIST JAMIE WYETH

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1. REFTTEL PROVIDED USEFUL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON WYETH VISIT. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CABLE SUMMARY OF AIRGRAM MENTIONED PARA FOUR.

2. IN BRIEF TELECON WITH CU/EE UPON HIS RETURN, WYETH MADE GENERAL MENTION OF POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF ALL-WYETH EXHIBITION FOR SOVIET EXHIBITION FROM UNION OF ARTISTS. WYETH SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED INCLUSION OF UNOFFICIAL ARTISTS IN SOVIET EXHIBIT, AND HAD RECEIVED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE, BUT ADDED THAT HE HAD DOUBTS SOVIETS WOULD ACTUALLY KEEP THIS TENTATIVE COMMITMENT. WYETH IMPLIED THAT EXCHANGE COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HANDLED PRIVATELY, WHILE AT SAME TIME EXPRESSING HOPE THAT

IT "MIGHT EVEN" BECOME AN OFFICIAL EXCHANGE. WYETH PLANS
VISIT WASHINGTON END OF AUGUST AND EXPRESSED PREFERENCE
POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF HIS RECENT MOSCOW TRIP AND POSSIBLE
FUTURE EXCHANGE UNTIL THEN. FYI: AT WYETH PRE-DEPARTURE
BRIEFING WITH CU AND USIA OFFICERS, WE EXPRESSED DESIRE MEET
WITH HIM AGAIN ON HIS RETURN; NO RPT NO MENTION WAS MADE OF
POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER OR PRESIDENT FORD.
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